

From: peter gillespie
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/23/02 5:36pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

hi doj. I think that the settlement with microsoft is unfair to the public. economic experts estimated that the monopoly effect added &20.00 dollars to the cost of each copy of the Windows operating system. the antitrust laws provide for triple damages. this means that a fair settlement would require microsoft to refund \$60.00 to each purchaser of their os. they have the records to enable them to do this. furthermore the settlement as proposed does nothing to prevent further abuse of their monopoly. the company has a long history as an antitrust scofflaw and ignoring rulings that are the least bit ambiguous.

do your job and protect the public interest. untie explorer and outlook from windows. unless the entire package is free it is stupid to accept their position that ie is free with the system. for certain they are deducting the costs of development from the income from windows. this means they are charging for it.

sincerely, peter gillespie

p.s. lest you think i have a financial interest in this case i have never purchased or owned a computer capable of running windows or dos and when i get a new mac the first thing i do is delete all of the microsoft programs that come with it. this greatly improves stability and reduces vulnerability to viri on the internet. pg